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SUBJ: MONTEAGUDO-SUCRE GAS PIPELINE INAUGURATED

REF: A-62 OF APRIL 6, 1973

1. ON 350TH ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDATION OF SUCRE'S UNIVERSITY
SAN FRANCISCO XAVIER, MAY 25, 1974, GAS PIPELINE 6-INCH
DIAMETER, 220 KILOMETERS LONG FROM MONTEAGUDO'S OIL-GAS
FIELD TO CITY OF SUCRE AND THERMOELECTRIC PLANT CLOSE
TO SUCRE WERE INAUGURATED IN OFFICIAL CEREMONIES.

2. GAS PIPELINE WITH INITIAL TRANSPORT CAPACITY OF 11,500,000
CUBIC FEET PER DAY PRIMARILY USED AS SUPPLY TO THERMOELECTRIC
PLANT AT ARANJUEZ, 5 KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF SUCRE. THERMOELECTRIC
PLANT SUPPLIES 9,000 - 10,000 KILOWATTS TO SUCRE AND POTOSI. GAS
ALSO SUPPLIES TO SUCRE'S CEMENT PLANT AND Y P F B'S REFINERY
AT SUCRE THROUGH 4-INCH BRANCH LINE.

3. INVESTMENT FOR GAS CLEANING PLANT AT PIRAIMIRI, CLOSE TO
MONTEAGUDO'S OIL-GAS FIELD, AND FOR PIPELINE REPORTEDLY TOTALLED
US\$6,819,800 OF WHICH Y P F B AND CHUQUISACA DEVELOPMENT
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COMMITTEE FINANCED RESPECTIVELY US\$ 2,592,100 AND US\$ 1,330,000 AND

REMAINDER BY LOAN FROM IDB TO Y P F B OF US\$ 2,592,100.
FINANCING AVAILABLE FOR THERMOELECTRIC PLANT, TRANSMISSION
LINES AND SUBSTATIONS REPORTEDLY AMOUNTED TO US\$ 7,821,000
INCLUDING US\$ 4,200,000 FROM IDB, ABOUT US\$ 1,576,000 FROM
BRITAIN, AND US\$ 2,045,000 FROM ENDE'S LOCAL FINANCING.
ACCORDING TO STATEMENTS IN PRESS OF MAY 25 COSTS TO BUILD
THERMOELECTRIC PLANT WERE US\$ 3,230,000 AND TOTAL MONEY
EXPENDED ABOUT US\$ 5,631,000.

4. CAPACITY OF GAS PIPELINE MAY BE INCREASED TO 177,000,000
CUBIC FEET PER DAY. PLANS REPORTEDLY BEING MADE TO CONTINUE
WITH 4-INCH PIPELINE FROM SUCRE TO SOE COMIBOL MINES AND
PERHAPS TO CONTINUE TO ORURO ABOUT 250 KILOMETERS NORTHWEST
OF SUCRE.

5. PRESIDENT BANZER SCHEDULED TO SPEAK IN INAUGURATION
CEREMONIES DID NOT GO TO SUCRE BECAUSE OF ANTIGOVERNMENT
DEMONSTRATIONS PLANNED BY SOME UNIVERSITY STUDENTS. MIN ENERGY
AND HYDROCARBONS AND GENERAL MANAGER Y P F B GAVE INAUGURATION
SPEECHES.
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